

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yoshihito ASAO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/281,059

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Examiner: G. Perez

For: ROTOR FOR AN AUTOMOTIVE ALTERNATOR

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Group Art Unit: 2834

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

(Thrice Amended) A rotor for an automotive alternator comprising: 1.

a pair of field cores each having a cylindrical base portion and a plurality of claw-shaped magnetic poles projecting from outer circumferential edges of said base portions, said field cores are secured to a rotating shaft facing each other wherein end surfaces of said base portions are in close contact with each other and said claw shaped magnetic poles intermesh with each other;

a cylindrical bobbin having a cylindrical portion and a pair of first and second annular flange portions projecting perpendicularly from both ends of said cylindrical portion, said bobbin being fitted over said base portions of said pair of field cores; and